

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

HOMESTEAD ENTRY FINAL PROOF

TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT

FORM APPROVED  
BUDGET BUREAU NO. 42-R971.2

State Office Alaska

SERIAL NUMBERS

Original entry  
AA-9009

Additional entry

NOTE

The officer before whom this proof is made will see that all answers are complete and responsive to the questions, and that the answers bring out the pertinent facts showing the

entryman's compliance or noncompliance with the laws under which the land was entered. Neither of the witnesses may be present while the testimony of the claimant is being given.

1. Name of Claimant (first, middle initial, and last)

Kenneth W Deardorff

Address (include zip code)

3900 Wyoming  
Anchorage AK 99503

Age

34

2a. Are you a citizen of the United States? ☒ Yes ☐ No

b. If "no," have you filed a declaration of intention? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If "yes," complete the following)

Give Date

Name of Court

City

c. Has evidence of naturalization been submitted with? ☐ Entry Number ☐ Final proof

d. Give marital status ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Widowed ☒ Divorced

Date of Marriage

e. List members of family living with you

None

3. Are you entitled to credit for military service (43 CFR 2096)? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
(If "yes," complete the following)

Name of Veteran

Kenneth W Deardorff

Relationship to Claimant

Branch of service

US Army

Serial number

...

DATE

Induction

2-21-66

Discharge

4-20-68

Type of discharge

Honorable

Is certified copy of discharge attached? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4a. Are you the person who made the homestead entry (entries) noted above? ☒ Yes ☐ No

b. If you hold this entry, by assignment, give name of entryman and your relationship to him

5. Give legal description of the lands included in the entry (entries) noted above

SECTION

TOWNSHIP

RANGE

MERIDIAN

E 1/2 16 16 N 38 W Seward Meridian

Unsurveyed lands lying within the above

Approximately 50 acres on final entry.

6. If a married woman, did your husband hold an unperfected homestead during the period of residence claimed by you? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If "no," explain)

7a. Is the residence you claim made upon ☒ original entry ☐ additional entry

b. When did you first establish residence? (Give month, day, and year) 2-24-74

c. Are you making this proof for additional entry under Section 7 of the Enlarged Homestead Law? ☐ Yes ☒ No

d. Did you own the original entry during entire period of residence? ☐ Yes ☐ No

e. Are you making this proof for a contiguous additional entry? ☐ Yes ☒ No

f. Have you submitted proof of required residence in connection with original entry? ☐ Yes ☐ No

8a. Have you a habitable house on the land? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	b. Was the house built after residence was established? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
c. Where did you reside before the house was completed? <u>Tent</u>	

## 9a. PERIODS OF ACTUAL RESIDENCE ON THE HOMESTEAD LAND

YOU RESIDED ON THE LAND			YOUR FAMILY RESIDED ON THE LAND	
RESIDENCE YEAR *	FROM (Month, day, and year)	TO (Month, day, and year)	FROM (Month, day, and year)	TO (Month, day, and year)
	2-24-74	1-5-79	2-24-74	1-5-79

## 9b. PERIODS OF ABSENCES FROM THE HOMESTEAD LAND AND REASONS

RESIDENCE YEAR *	FROM (Month, day, and year)	TO (Month, day, and year)	WHO WAS ABSENT (Specify "claimant," "family," or "both")	REASON FOR ABSENCE

## 10. CHARACTER OF LAND EMBRACED IN THE HOMESTEAD

SECTION	LEGAL SUBDIVISION	GENERAL CHARACTER OF LAND	NUMBER OF ACRES				BOARD FEET OF SAW TIMBER
			NOW CULTIVATED	NOT CULTIVATED BUT CULTIVABLE		CONTAINING TREES OR BRUSH	
				Profitably	Otherwise		
16		South Slope with	6 1/3	54	19 2/3	72 2/3	250 MBF
(Entire entry)		gentle rise to north					

## 11. ACTUAL AGRICULTURAL USE OF THE HOMESTEAD LAND

CALENDAR YEAR	KIND OF CROP PLANTED	NO. OF ACRES CULTIVATED	QUANTITY OF CROP HARVESTED	EXTENT OF GRAZING USE OF LAND			REASON FOR CULTIVATING LESS ACREAGE THAN REQUIRED BY LAW
				NO. OF MONTHS	ANIMALS		
					Kind	Number	
1	—	1/4	Garden products only	—	—	—	—
2	Rye, timothy clover	3 1/2	9 tons	—	—	—	—
3	Rye, timothy clover	6	18 tons	—	—	—	—
4	Rye, timothy clover	6 1/3	19 tons	—	—	—	—
5	Rye, timothy clover	6 1/3	19 tons	—	—	—	—

## 12a. IMPROVEMENTS PLACED ON THE HOMESTEAD LAND

SECTION	LEGAL SUBDIVISION	DESCRIPTION OF IMPROVEMENTS	YEAR MADE	VALUE OF MATERIALS	VALUE OF LABOR	TOTAL VALUE
16	N 1/2 SE 1/4	Log House 15' x 15'	1974	\$ 600 <sup>00</sup>	\$ 500 <sup>00</sup>	\$ 1100 <sup>00</sup>
16	N 1/2 SE 1/4	Log House 30' x 30'	1974	\$ 2000	\$ 6000	\$ 8000 <sup>00</sup>
16	S 1/2 NE 1/4	Storage Bldg 15' x 15'	1976	\$ 600	\$ 500	\$ 1100 <sup>00</sup>
16	N 1/2 SE 1/4	2 story Log frame <sup>House</sup> 22' x 22'	1978	\$ 6000	\$ 10000	\$ 16000 <sup>00</sup>
				\$	\$	\$

b. Give estimated present value of improvements placed on the homestead \$ 26,200

\* The first "residence year" begins with the day on which residence was first established

13. Is your homestead within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town? ☐ Yes ☒ No

14. Is your homestead used for trade or business? ☒ Yes ☐ No (If "yes," explain)

Used as headquarters for trapping

15. Are there indications of minerals of any kind on your homestead? ☐ Yes ☒ No (If "yes," explain)

16. Have you sold, conveyed, agreed to sell or convey, or optioned, mortgaged, or agreed to option or mortgage the land in your homestead, or any part thereof? ☐ Yes ☒ No (If "yes," give names of parties to the transaction, date, amount, and purpose of transaction)

17. Have you ever made another homestead entry? ☐ Yes ☒ No (If "yes," give state office, entry numbers, and land description)

18. Do you own any other lands? ☐ Yes ☒ No (If "yes," list by legal subdivision)

19. Was either of the witnesses present while you were giving the above testimony? ☐ Yes ☒ No

20. Did either of the witnesses inform you of their testimony in connection with this proof? ☐ Yes ☒ No

I CERTIFY That residence and agricultural use of the land has been performed as set forth in my testimony; that no part of said land has been transferred or conveyed to any other person, or otherwise alienated except as provided in Section 2288 of the Revised Statutes; that I will bear true allegiance to the Government of the

United States; and, I have not heretofore perfected or abandoned an entry made under the homestead laws of the United States. I FURTHER CERTIFY That the statements made by me in this proof are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith.

11 May 1979

(Date)

*Kenneth A. Dearloff*

(Sign full name)

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001, makes it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

I HEREBY CERTIFY That the claimant was examined separately and apart from the witnesses in this case; that the foregoing deposition and affidavit were read to or by the claimant and affiant in my presence before he or she affixed signature thereto; that I verily believe claimant and affiant to be a creditable person and the identical person hereinbefore described, and that said deposition and affidavit were duly subscribed and sworn to me at my office in the town

of Anchorage

, County of

in the State of Alaska

this 11th day of May, 1979

*Shelley Foreman*

(Signature)

*Chief Clerk + Minerals Operation*

(Official Designation)

#### NOTICE

The Privacy Act of 1974 and the regulation in 43 CFR 2.48(d) provide that you be furnished the following information in connection with information required by this Homestead Entry Final Proof, Testimony of Claimant.

AUTHORITY: 43 U.S.C. 251.

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: The information is to be used to process the entryman's final proof.

ROUTINE USES: (1) The adjudication of the entryman's rights to the land or resources. (2) Documentation for public information in support of notations made on land status

records for the management, disposal, and use of National Resource lands and resources. (3) Transfer to appropriate Federal agencies when concurrence is required prior to granting a right in National Resource lands or resources. (4)(5) Information from the record and/or the record will be transferred to appropriate Federal, State, local or foreign agencies, when relevant to civil, criminal or regulatory investigations or prosecutions.

EFFECT OF NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION: Disclosure of the information is voluntary. If all the information is not provided, the entry may be cancelled.

LAND REPORT

I. BACKGROUND DATA

On May 16, 1974, Kenneth W. Deardoff filed a notice of location of settlement or occupancy claim for an 80-acre homestead location. On May 11, 1979, the claimant filed final proof for a 50-acre homestead claim. The subject site is located on the northeast bank of the Stony River in Sections 15 and 16, T. 16 N., R. 38 W., Seward Meridian. It is accessible from the Stony River and by air.

A report was received on September 16, 1974, from U.S.G.S. declaring the entry without value for mineral, either metalliferous or non-metalliferous.

II. LAND EXAMINATION

A land examination was conducted on June 23, 1979, by Realty Specialist Dorothy Tideman and accompanied by Karen Abner and Clifford Ells. The applicant was not present during the examination.

The property was identified by the use of plat maps and U.S.G.S. quad map Sleetmute B-1.

The following improvements were identified: a log house 30' x 30', two-story log and frame house 22' x 22', log cabin 15' x 15', storage building 15' x 15', an out building and a fuel cache. These buildings are well built and of permanent type.

There were also several trails which lead to the Stony River. Many fuel and oil drums were on the site. Household belongings were visible on the main porch entrance and a great extent of use was indicated throughout the parcel. A wood cutting area with cut firewood and an axe were present on the parcel.

Approximately 2/3 acre of land was cleared and cultivated in front of the main cabin and a crop of timothy and brome covered the area. Another area of approximately 6 acres of land, which included a household garden, was cleared on the parcel and didn't appear to have been planted, however, I spoke with Mr. Deardorff in a telephone conversation and again on August 16, 1979, when the applicant made a visit to the BLM District Office, and he stated both times that he had planted rye, timothy and brome and that the parcel was exceptionally wet and the crops did not grow well.

### III. PERTINENT INFORMATION

All proofs and pertinent information documents are enclosed in the casefile.

### IV. LAND USE ANALYSIS

Subject homestead entry for suitability:

The subject land consists of deep, well drained silty soils on nearly level natural levees bordering major rivers. The soils are non-acid to calcareous, stratified silty and fine sandy alluvium underlain by very gravelly sand. Permafrost is deep or absent. The vegetation consists of white spruce, cottonwood and willows with grasses and horsetail in understory. The land suitability is good for common crops.

### V. EXAMINERS CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A review of the casefile, and taking all submitted data into consideration, it is concluded that:

1. The subject homestead site is suitable for a viable agriculture operation.
2. The entryman has occupied the site in good faith and has reasonable expectations of profitable results.
3. The entryman has fulfilled all of the homestead entry requirements as denoted in 43 CFR 2567.5 (a) Residence, 2567.5 (b) Cultivation, and 2567.5 (c) Habitable House.

It is recommended that the Bureau continue processing this homestead entry application to final patent and conveyance.

Dorothy A. Tideman

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Realty Specialist

McGrath Resource Area

I concur with the findings and  
recommendations contained herein.

2/1/80 Lou Waller  
Date Area Manager

Jan. 23, 1980  
Date

I concur with the findings and  
recommendations contained herein.

2/4/80 Richard H. Kinsler  
Date District Manager